

According to yesterday's Washington Post, Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force its sixty-two stations to air a documentary on John Kerry's Senate testimony during the Vietnam War in the weeks leading up to the election. All reports indicate that the film is not a balanced portrayal; to the contrary it represents a tendentious interpretation of an agonizing time in our country's past and exploits it for partisan purposes. This is clearly an anti-Kerry film. It features one of the men who played a prominent role in a series of anti-Kerry political ads a few months back.

This seems to be a case of the public airways being used to promote private, corporate, and partisan advantage. It's electioneering, pure and simple. Sinclair Broadcasting should be denied the renewal of its license if it goes ahead with its plans to air what is essentially a political advertisement without providing equal time.

Thank you for your consideration.